

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and the following remarks.

All claims except for allowed claims 12 and 13 are now canceled.

A divisional application will be filed for claims 4-11.

The Original Letters Patent No. 5,745,182 was surrendered on April 6, 2001.

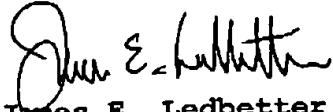
A Supplemental Reissue Declaration is attached for approval.

A Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) and an Assent of Assignee are submitted herewith.

In light of the foregoing, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited.

If any issues remain which may best be resolved through a telephone communication, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number listed below, in order to expedite consideration and allowance of this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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